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ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT,
 CANBERRA, A.C.T.

16 MAY 1944

IN REPLY, PLEASE QUOTE NO. L. 8656

INVESTIGATION BRANCH 12th May, 1944.
 PERTH

MEMORANDUM for—
 The Inspector,
 Investigation Branch,
 PERTH.

Application under the National Security (Land Transfer) Regulations has been made by Luigi Tuia of Thomsons Brook W.A. who is a naturalized British subject of Italian origin for consent to purchase from Charles John Burgess Fowler a piece of land containing about 75 acres fronting King Spring Road about 11 miles from Donnybrook being part of Preston Agricultural Area 150 and being part of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1041 Folio 377. The purchase price is £300 which will be paid by applicant in cash £100 of which will be obtained by him on bank overdraft. The land is desired by him for a dairy, potato and flax growing in conjunction with 160 acres abutting the subject property and which he acquired in 1939. Applicant states that he was born at Castello Dell'Acqua Italy on 27.9.03 arrived in Australia on 28.7.25 and was naturalized on 20.12.30. The Solicitors acting are Messrs Boulton Godfrey and Virtue of Perth.

Will you please inform me whether anything is known by you against the loyalty or character of the above-mentioned applicant.

I shall be glad if you will confer with the State Police in regard to this matter, and ascertain from the Military Intelligence Section whether, having regard to the situation of the land or for any other reason, there is any objection from a defence point of view to the application being granted.

It is desired that if, in the locality in which the land is situate, there is any evidence of the existence of a strong feeling against the acquisition of further land by naturalized persons of enemy origin or by subjects of a country in enemy occupation, the Police should mention that fact.

It is desired that all reports be as definite as possible.

Please forward your report to me through the Director, Investigation Branch, Canberra.

Noted 20/5/44
Born 14/9/03 Castello Dell'Acqua
Arr. 28/7/25 "Drama"

George Howells
 Secretary

MEMORANDUM:

26th May, 1944.

The Director,
Commonwealth Investigation Branch,
CANBERRA.

Luigi TUIA - Applicant for Consent under National Security
(Land Transfer) Regulations.

In reply to memorandum No.L.8656 of 12/5/44 from the Secretary of this Department, relative to the above, I desire to advise that inquiries have been made, with the following result:-

SECURITY SERVICE: Deputy Director reports:- ". . . No security or military objection is made to the abovementioned application."

STATE POLICE: Report not requested in view of Acting Commissioner's memoranda of 9/6/41 and 26/7/41.

Applicant has been interviewed by the Postmaster at Donnybrook who states that the subject property is required for mixed farming purposes. He already holds the adjoining property of 160 acres used for the same purpose. He has resided in the district for 4½ years and the Postmaster states that he is a good steady worker, of good character. Regarding the feeling in the district, he reports:- "There is a certain amount of feeling against aliens acquiring land."

Nothing is recorded in this office against the loyalty or character of the applicant. My file discloses that in 1938, when applying for the admission to Australia of their parents and other members of the family, the Manager of the Commercial Bank, Donnybrook, commented as follows regarding Luigi and Enrico (brother) TUIA:- "Applicants are a good type, hard-working, and good citizens".

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(J. ADAMS)
INSPECTOR.